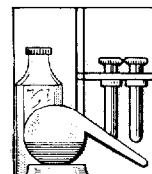


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Dr. J. Lederberg
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Sometime ago our Mr. A. R. Dugo turned over to me a report indicating your interest in Nylon Centrifuge Tubes.

We have done a lot of checking on this item bearing in mind the possibility of manufacturing this tube from nylon and offering them for general sale.

The cost of this type of tube is quite high and before we go into it further, we would like to have your opinion about the advantages of this type of tube over other plastic centrifuge tubes now being used. The tubes which were made for you experimentally by E. I. DuPont de Nemours & Company were made by drilling out nylon rods. This method of manufacture is too prohibitive for a production run.

We have contacted several extruders of nylon and have received costs on molds, jigs, etc. Our estimate of the cost of these tubes would be two to three times the prices charged for the lusteroid tubes. However, as stated above, before we go into it we would like to know some of the advantages of using a tube of this type that would justify the increase in cost.

Any information you can give us on this subject will be sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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